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FIG. 11 is a fragmentary elevational view showing ~~[[a]]~~ an electrical outlet plug of a type useful with the hair dryer and wall mount of this invention.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, to the following:

With reference also to FIGS. 5 and 6, the switch 26 includes a movable switch-operating member or button 36 which can be manually moved into a position to open the switch 26 to deenergize the hair dryer 20. The particular switch 26 illustrated in the drawing is a common type of three position switch used in hair dryers. The hair dryer is switched off when the button 36 is centered with the entire button 36 extending equally partly out of the handle 24, as shown in FIGS. 1, 3 and 6, switched to a low speed "on" position illustrated in FIG. 5, ~~in which~~ when the switch button 36 is tilted so that its upper end extends further into the handle 24 than its lower end, and switched to a high speed "on" position (not illustrated) ~~in which~~ when the lower end of the button 36 is recessed further into the handle 24 than its upper end. Although a switch having a three-position switch operating button is illustrated, it will become apparent that other types of switches can be used in the practice

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of this invention, provided that there is a switch operating member that can be moved to a position in which the switch is opened or switched off by engagement of the switch operating member with the wall mount 22.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, to the following:

The blower housing 28 has a rear end covered by a cool air intake screen 38 and a front end covered by a front screen or guard ~~[[40]]~~ 39 through which heated air exits during operation of the hair dryer 20. In accordance with this invention, the switch operating member or button 36 is mounted on the front face of the handle 24, facing generally toward the same forwardly direction as the front end of the blower housing 28. The handle 24 and the blower housing 28 can be manufactured from a suitable plastic material, such as a polycarbonate, and molded in two parts that are later joined together along a vertical centerline of the handle 24.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14, to the following:

In the embodiment illustrated in the drawings, the switch

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button-receiving pocket 62 has a ~~shape and size~~ size and shape that substantially matches the size and shape of the exposed portion of the switch button 36 when the switch button 36 is in the "off" position. The bottom wall, designated 68, of the pocket 62 functions as a switch operating surface to move the switch button 36 to its "off" position as the hair dryer 20 is assembled onto the wall mount 22. To this end, as illustrated in FIGS. 1, 5 and 6, the switch operating surface 68 has an arcuately convex surface portion that mates with switch button 36, which is arcuately concave. Accordingly, if the switch button 36 happens to be in one of its switch-closed or "on" positions, as shown in FIG. 5, the engagement of the switch button 36 by the switch-operating surface 68 as the hair dryer 20 is assembled onto the wall mount ~~[[20]]~~ 22 will cause the switch button 36 to be moved to its centered or "off" position shown in FIG. 6.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, to the following:

As best shown in FIG. 1, the switch button-receiving pocket 62 is located within a handle-receiving channel 70 that extends downwardly from the blower-housing receiving socket 60 along the

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vertical centerline of the wall mount 22. To positively secure the hair dryer 20 to the wall mount 22, a pair of mutually-confronting, outwardly-extending, rectangular, mutually-spaced clamp jaws 72 project forwardly along the sides of the channel 70. The jaws 72 are an integral part of the wall mount 22; otherwise they are separated from the body of the wall mount 22 by U-shaped slots having, as viewed in FIG. 1, upper and lower horizontal slot portions 74 and forwardly-facing, vertical slot portions 76. Small clamping protuberances 78 are formed on the confronting, outer faces of the jaws 72 that are adapted to be received within small clamping recesses 80 in the handle 24. As shown best in FIGS. 3 and 4, the handle 24 is generally ovate and the ~~recess~~ recesses 80 are located on the rearward side of the handle 24. The clamping recesses 80 are spaced from the base of the channel 70 by a distance such that their forwardmost edges are engaged by rearward edges of the clamping protuberances 78 and biased thereby toward the front face 40 of the wall mount 22. The hair dryer 20 is thereby securely held against the wall mount 22 and the switch 26 assuredly switched off.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 3, to the

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following:

As viewed in FIG. 7, the free ends and sides of the clamp jaws 72 are provided with stiffening ribs 82 extending therealong, the side ribs being integrally connected to surrounding parts of the wall mount 22. This construction provides ~~ribs 82~~ clamp jaws 72 which are quite stiff, long lasting, yet sufficiently resilient to enable the hair dryer [[22]] 20 to be easily assembled onto and removed from the wall mount 22.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10, to the following:

To use the hair dryer 20, one may simply grasp the handle and pull it away from the wall mount 22, and switch the hair dryer 20 to one of its "on" positions. To return the hair dryer to the wall mount 22, one may simply point the front end of the hair dryer toward the wall mount 22, and insert the front end of the blower housing 28 into the blower housing-receiving socket 60. If the handle 24 is advanced toward the wall mount 22 along a substantially vertical plane, it will be guided by the surfaces of the wall mount 22 opening to the blower housing-receiving socket 60 and the handle-receiving channel 70 into a position

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wherein the protuberances 78 on the clamp jaws 72 enter the clamping recesses 80. Provided the protuberances 78 enter the recesses 80, the switch button 36, if not previously moved to its "off" position, will be moved to its "off" position because of the engagement by the switch button 36 with the switch operating surface 68. One using the hair dryer 20 and the wall mount 22 will quickly learn that the hair dryer 20 can be securely mounted with a simple thrusting of the hair dryer 20 toward the center of the wall mount. If the hair dryer 20 is switched on while being advanced toward the wall mount 22, the heated air exiting from the front of the blower housing 28 will enter the socket 60 and be partly reflected back around the blower housing 28 and partly vented through an array of vents 84 in the wall of the socket 60.

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 9, to the following:

In the event the handle 24 is not properly gripped by the clamp jaws 72 in the manner just described, the switch 26 may not be switched off. However, the wall mount 22 will not in that case prevent the hair dryer 20 from falling off the wall mount 22 so that it will be evident to the user that the hair dryer [[22]]

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20 has to be repositioned on the wall mount 22.